HON'BLE MR. E. K MADHAVAN: (*a*) The Distillery at Nagercoil was established long before prohibition was introduced in the State and it is continuing there for the manufacture of spirits, arrack and Indian made foreign liquors for supply to the non-prohibition areas. Section 5 of the Prohibition Act contains the necessary provision for the continuance of the Distillery at Nagercoil which is in prohibition area.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Guns.

*448. MR. EAPEN ARAKKAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Police be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government intend returning the ordinary muzzle-loading guns deposited in Police Stations to their licensed owners: and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative when and under what conditions will these guns be returned to their owners?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) Guns are being returned to owners whose character and antecedents are good and who are not likely to take part in subversive activities. The District Magistrates have the necessary instructions to return the guns deposited by private persons if they deserve to possess the gun for their *bona fide* personal use.

Extension of electricity.

*449. MR. EAPEN ARAKKAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity be pleased to state:

(*a*) has any representation been received for the extension of electricity to Arathungal in Shertallai taluk: and

(*b*) has the line been extended from Shertallai to a place called Thysseril along the Shertallai Arathungal road?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Rent Control.

*450. MR. EAPPEN ARAKKAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Rent Control be pleased to state whether the Government are aware of the unavoidable delay caused in the disposal of B. R. C. petitions on account of heavy pressure of normal work attached to the Court of Division First Class Magistrate?

HONBLE MR. A. J. JOHN: Government are not aware.

Transfer of Medical Officers, Nurses and other employees.

*451. MR. MAJEED MAR'KAR (*Kunnathunad I—Muslim*): Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Public Health be pleased to state whether any definite system is being followed by the Medical Department with regard to transfer of medical officers, nurses and other employees and if so whether this system is strictly followed in all instances?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Transfers of the members of the staff in all cases are effected according to exigencies of service.

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